

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

1.(currently amended)      A support column comprising:

    a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material while the material sets comprising:

        a tubular wall formed of a flexible woven polymer fabric having a first annular end edge at a first end and a second annular end edge at a second end;

        two circular end panels each formed from a circle of a flexible woven polymer fabric with an outer circular edge;

        each of the end panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to a respective one of the first and second end edges of the tubular wall;

        at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

    wherein the tubular wall is formed from a strip of the fabric which is arranged helically such that one side edge of the strip is stitched to an opposed side edge of a next turn of the strip to define a stitched seam which extends helically of the tubular wall from one end panel to the opposite end panel;

        the form being mounted with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;

        and a heated settable filler material which is set while contained by the form and thus supporting the surface to be supported by transferring loads to the floor surface.

2.(currently amended)      A support column comprising:

a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material while the material sets comprising:

    a tubular wall formed of a flexible woven polymer fabric having a first annular end edge at a first end and a second annular end edge at a second end;

    two circular end panels each formed from a circle of a flexible woven polymer fabric with an outer circular edge;

    each of the end panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to a respective one of the first and second end edges of the tubular wall;

    at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

    wherein the tubular wall is formed from a strip of the fabric which is arranged helically such that one side edge of the strip is stitched to an opposed side edge of a next turn of the strip to define a stitched seam which extends helically of the tubular wall from one end panel to the opposite end panel;

    wherein the flexible woven fabric defining the end panels and the tubular wall consists of a single layer of fabric which is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer;

the form being mounted with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;

and a heated settable filler material which is set while contained by the form and thus supporting the surface to be supported by transferring loads to the floor surface.

3.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip extends in at least one turn of helix.

4.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

5.(previously amended) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip lies at an angle of the order of 45 degrees relative to a line transverse to the longitudinal to the axis of the tubular member.

6.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

7.(original) The form according to Claim 6 wherein the support straps are arranged at one end panel in which there is provided a filler opening.

8.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels each consist of single layer of the fabric.

9.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.

10.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with simple overlapping seams.

11.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible fabric is polypropylene woven fabric.

12.(original) The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible woven fabric is substantially imperforate.

Claim 13 (previously cancelled)

14.(currently amended) A support column comprising:

a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material while the material sets comprising:

a tubular wall formed of a flexible woven polymer fabric having a first annular end edge at a first end and a second annular end edge at a second end;

two circular end panels each formed from a circle of a flexible woven polymer fabric with an outer circular edge;

each of the end panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to a respective one of the first and second end edges of the tubular wall;

at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

wherein the flexible woven fabric defining the end panels and the tubular wall consists of a single layer of fabric which is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer;

the form being mounted with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;

and a heated settable filler material which is set while contained by the form and thus supporting the surface to be supported by transferring loads to the floor surface.

Claim 15 (previously cancelled)

16.(original) The form according to Claim 14 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

17.(original) The form according to Claim 14 wherein there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

Claim 18 (previously cancelled)

19.(original) The form according to Claim 14 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.

Claim 20 (previously cancelled)

Claim 21 (previously cancelled)

Claims 22 to 37 are cancelled